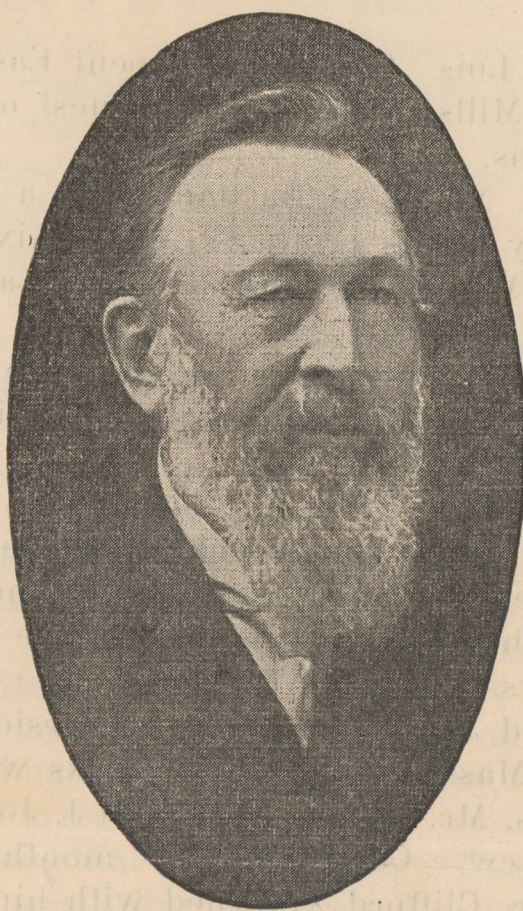


REMINISCENCES OF THE PAST LIFE OF THE REV. A. H. TRAFTON.

Was born in Northumberland, Carleton Co., N. B., Oct. 31, 1839. Educated in the common school. Remained in that part until 1857 when the family moved on the opposite side of the river known as Meductic proper. At the age of twenty-five I married Miss Hannah Watson, to whom was born six sons and two daughters. After years of worldly pursuits declared his call to the ministry, at special services held in the Free Baptist Church at Eel River (so called at that time) by Henry and Aaron Hartt. His first field of labour was at Lower and Upper Hampstead, occasionally at Brown's Flats. From there he began labour on the Caverhill circuit comprising Upper Caverhill, Millville and Mapleton. Shortly after revival began when many turned to the Lord. Sixty-eight were baptised during the revival of whom many went to different parts carrying the fruits of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God; also many have gone over to inherit the city prepared for them. We gave the right hand of fellowship on one Sunday evening to thirty-two young men and women. Remained for several years on that circuit. Then went to Prince William, Dunfresh and Barony until spring of 1888, when we left for California, that being the same year in which the Reformed Baptist denomination was organized. Remained in the west for four years and on return wrote Dr. Hartley, of St. John, mentioning my wish to remain in the Free Baptist denomination, but did not wish to be a masked man that I did believe in Entire Sanctification as a Second Work of Grace, but would rather remain in the Free Baptist than any thing in the world to which he kindly replied that if I was not in fellowship I could get my dismissal by letter to the general conference or by presenting myself which I did not do. After the next conference, I was summoned before a committee composed of Rev. C. T. Phillips, Rev. John Perry, Rev. Joseph Noble and Rev. Elijah Gray; after some disputing among themselves, not saying much to me, separated, and at the next coming conference they withdrew fellowship as from others.

I united with the Reformed Baptist at Grand Manan as the Alliance had assembled there. After which I went to Head of Millstream, preceded by the late Rev. G. W. McDonald, who had preached there once. After some digging about, the work began which terminated in an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival. Saw men prostrated, was put out of the union house on account of teaching salvation from sin and filling with the Holy Ghost power, revival went on and today there is a church glorifying God and evidence of his saving and sanctifying power acknowledged by all. Praise the Lord. Fire still burning. Then visited Salem many times, also Westchester, N. S., where the Lord has blessed wonderfully. At the time of writing have just returned from Woodstock, Mapleton, Me., Millville, Maple Ridge, Fredericton, preached and attended meetings at all of these places. This

Salem, Kings Co., N. B. I am trusting God for health and victory. I spent five years of successful labour in Sanford, Port Maitland, Brazil Lake, Cedra Lake. After leaving there went to Perth, Easton and Aroostook for 3 years. In all of these, souls were blessed. Now waiting orders. In November of 1923 visited Westchester, where there was a nice little church building, where a few were holding on to God for some one sent of God to encourage them in the Lord. A Macadonian cry was heard and my son, Miles, responded, and after a time sent for his brother, Rev. P. J. Trafton, who when he was come was glad seeing the grace of God. Souls were saved and sanctified. A real time of refreshing was theirs. I having



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some desire and being encouraged by what had been done, made them a visit for three Sundays, during which they certainly received refreshing. Shall remember while I live the dear children of God. Then I visited Salem, witnessed the effects of labour of one of God's servants, who preceded me. From there came to Norton, have been there several times. A few as in Sardis who have not defiled their garments. Now at this time of writing am waiting for orders. Feb. 21st, 1925, spent two Sundays at Norton, one at Apohaqui, then to Millstream. On March 5th, attended quarterly meeting at St. John. Left for Fredericton Saturday, 7th, to supply for Rev. P. J. Trafton.

Note.—The above was found among father's papers, so we give it to our readers. He left Fredericton on the 12th for St. John. Went to Norton on the 13th, preached twice on Sunday, visited during the week, held two services the 29th, and on Monday morning at 10 o'clock left suddenly for the heavenly world. We miss him so much.

P. J. TRAFTON.

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"With long life will I satisfy him and shew him my salvation." Ps. 91:16.

This promise was certainly fulfilled to our brother, Rev. A. H. Trafton, who recently departed this life at the ripe age of

85 years. He was the youngest old man that it was ever my privilege to know.

There are some men who grow old long before they reach the age of four score years. They seem to lose their interest in about everything and everybody around them, and to have outlived their usefulness. It was not so with Father Trafton. He was a wonderfully well preserved man, especially his mental faculties, his memory seemed to be as good as it ever was. His sonorous voice had not weakened but retained its strength and melody which made him a pleasing speaker at eighty-five years of age. He was a firm believer in supernatural religion and in his preaching he constantly insisted on men having a divine revelation of God to their soul. He retained a keen interest in the Lord's work and kept active, preaching the gospel almost every Sunday until his death, despite the fact that his family often wanted him to stop and rest awhile. He was a welcome visitor at any of our churches and in our homes, where he was known. His cheerful, humorous disposition made him a very pleasant conversationalist. He will be much missed not only by his family but by his many friends, who feel that we have indeed sustained a great loss in his departure which was very sudden, but we believe it was sudden glory to him. What a blessed way for a servant of God to close his labours here, viz., to preach the gospel the last Sunday that he lived on earth and pronounce the benediction on his congregation, then slip away next morning and join the blood-washed company in songs of praise around the throne of God. "Servant of God, well done,

Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the victory won,
And thou art crowned at last.

H. SMITH DOW.

SOME COMMON MISTAKES.

It is a mistake to suppose that there can be salvation without right living. It is still written, "He that committeth sin is of the devil, and 'Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin.'" It is perhaps a greater and more common mistake to suppose that salvation consists of no more than right living. "If righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain." "If there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law." It is of this, and vastly more than this. It is a change of heart; a passing out of life into death; out of darkness into light; from the power of Satan unto God. It is life and right being from God, in order to right living before God. It comes through repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. "Ye must be born again."—H. O. Fanning.

"Do you feel that you are being humiliated unduly? Are you anxious to know why you are being humiliated so? The Word of God says, 'Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.' Self-exaltation is invariably followed by Divine humblings."